11. The edible oil will be allocated by the Department of Food & Public Distribution to the States taking into account the BPL population of the State, the quantity requested for allocation under this Scheme by the States, efficient distribution mechanism put in place by the State Government for this purpose and prompt offtake of subsidized edible oil by the States.

12. In case of States not lifting the allocated edible oil within one month of allocation, the allocation to such States shall stand cancelled and the quantity shall be reallocated to other States.

13. The States shall give monthly Statement to the Government of India mentioning the:

i. Quantity lifted by them;

ii. Quantity distributed through PDS mechanism; and

iii. Price at which such oil has been distributed.

14. This Scheme will initially be implemented for 3 months and can be extended after a review is done of its impact on domestic availability and prices of edible oils.

Procurement of rice by private companies

†1309. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private companies have exported more rice than they have procured during the year 2007-08;

(b) if so, the quantum of rice allowed to be procured by the private companies during the year 2007-08;

(c) whether it is a fact that procurement of rice by the private companies was more than allowed;

(d) if so, the details of such companies; and

(e) the details of the action taken by Government against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no ceiling or restriction imposed on the quantum of rice procured by private companies. Therefore, the quantum of rice exported by private companies exceeding the quantum of rice procured by them does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Foodgrains stocked by FCI and CWC

1310. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of foodgrains currently held by FCI and CWC in their godowns across the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) whether the whole quantum of foodgrains held by FCI and CWC is fit for human consumption;

(c) if so, the quantum of foodgrains held by FCI and CWC which is less than two years old, more than two years but less than five years old and more than five years old; and

(d) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to utilize this stock and avoid losses due to destruction of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The total quantum of foodgrains currently held by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) in their godowns across the country is 92.01 lakh MT and 24,47,407 MT respectively.

(b) Out of the total quantity of 92.01 lakh MT of foodgrains currently held by FCI, a quantity of 0.61787 lakh MT is unfit (non-issuable) for human consumption, whereas the balance quantum of foodgrains currently held by CWC is fit for human consumption.

(c) The age-wise break up of foodgrains held by FCI is as under:

1. Less than two year old:	91.595 lakh MT
2. More than two years but less than five years old:	0.41 lakh MT
3. More than five year old:	0.005 lakh MT

The age-wise break up of foodgrains held by CWC is as under:

1. Less than two year:	24,46,793 MTs
2. Two to five years:	614 MTs
3. Above five year:	Nil

(d) The remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to utilize this stock and avoid losses due to damage to quality of foodgrains are as under:

(i) All godowns are constructed as per specification and foodgrains are stored by adopting scientific storage practices.

(ii) Adequate dunnage material, fumigation covers and chemicals are provided in all the godowns.

(iii) Prophylactic and curative treatments are carried out regularly and timely for the control of insects and pests.

(iv) Foodgrains in 'cover and plinth' (CAP) storage are stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates are used as dunnage material. Stacks are properly covered with specifically fabricated low density black polythene water proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/nets.

(v) Regular periodic inspections of the stocks/godowns are undertaken by qualified and trained staff.

(vi) The principle of 'First In First Out' (FIFO) is adopted to the extent possible so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in the godowns.

(vii) Only covered wagons are used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damages during transit.